

Welcome to Holman Field. When we considered where we wanted to make this announcement we thought about the man we're going to introduce and figured Holman was the perfect setting: it's where he had his first flying lesson.

But Charles Nichols was fascinated with aviation long before he took his first lesson. He built his first model airplane when he was 9 years old, and that was the takeoff of a lifelong passion. Aviation has been a running theme throughout his fascinating and diverse career in education, public service and business.

For instance, when he was an educator, Chuck started aviation programs for students that are still in place today at the Twin Cities Airport. His company has built airplane hangars and aviation schools.

I've known Chuck since before I ran for mayor of Brooklyn Park. He has the qualities I was looking for when it came to naming a MAC Chair. He has a quiet independence and he gets results.

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One of the reasons he fits in so well with my administration is his devotion to understanding and listening to citizen input.

I'm asking Chuck to lead our airports into a new competitive era. The main airport AND the regional airports, like Holman, are important tools in making sure we have healthy airline competition in the Twin Cities, and in service to the state.

I'm extremely confident in Chuck and I know he's the right person to guide a commission that will serve the needs of Minnesotans.

Governor Jesse Ventura
Appointment
Charles Nichols, MAC Chair
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So let me introduce the new Chair of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, Charles Nichols.